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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was mostly steady in the Midwest, firmer in the West, fully steady to firm in the East. Retail demand in the Midwest was slow to fair as other meat items dominated interest; all other areas were moderate, best for specials. Food service covered the full range, stronger into fast food and restaurants. Availability was adequate to tight with shortages reported on light and heavy product. In the parts structure, breast items were in the closest balance and clearing, the remaining items were at least adequate or readily available. Trading was fair to good with numerous ads noted. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .50 cents to 60.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.25 cents last year on the 25th of August, 1999.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
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BREASTS - B/S	154.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	80.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	81.50
LEG QUARTERS	24.00
WINGS	60.00

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES WEEK ENDING 08/19/00	2000	1999	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	180,473	180,405	0
CHICKS PLACED	142,095	142,535	0

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 180 million eggs during the week ending August 19, 2000. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 142 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 19, 2000. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through August 19, 2000, were 4.82 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 30-Sep-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 147.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 147.4 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 153.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 157.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 54.46 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN The market tone was firm. Offerings in good balance with an active buyer interest. Retailer demand moderate overall. Floor stocks adequate. Parts were mostly firm with breasts in the strongest position.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was fair to moderate, best for ads and promotions. Supplies were well cleared to tight on heavier product as a result of decreased schedules, weight losses, and upcoming Labor Day purchasing. In the parts structure, availability remained limited on breast items with movement good. Dark meat and wings were better balanced to short and clearing well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, mostly desirable, but trending lighter.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was mostly steady. Additional whole bird and Wog offerings light with distributors by and large satisfied through regular commitments. Retail demand was slow to fair at best. In St. Louis, other competitively priced protein items were receiving the bulk of orders and consumer interest. Food service movement was irregular, slow to fairly good, best into delicatessens and restaurants. Floor stocks well cleared to fully adequate. Sizes desirable overall with an occasional spot shortage reported on very small and heavy sized whole birds and Wogs. In the parts complex, trading was uneven and selective for the limited trade needs. Supplies of bone-in breasts in close balance, tenderloins remained tight with the remainder of items adequate for trade needs. Retail features noted in the Chicago area on boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.99, split breasts at 89 cents and 5 lbs. bagged leg quarters at 59 cents per pound. Trade sentiment fully steady on breast items and steady on the balance.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to fairly good at times. Offerings of the lighter weights were well balanced to instances short, and the larger birds were generally adequate. Movement into retail and distributive channels was about moderate. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm. In the parts market, offerings of bone-in breasts were in tight supply, and boneless skinless breasts were about adequate to well balanced. Drums were in ample supply, and wings were available. Other items were generally sufficient.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as fairly good and enough to keep the bulk of 2.5 and 3 pound sizes in good balance to well cleared. Heavier sizes were at least adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Live supplies were about moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Some operations were planned for Saturday in preparation for retail promotional activity around Labor Day. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 51 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Bone-in breasts and thighs were generally noted as in best demand.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	46-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	53.73
NO. OF BOXES	10,088
*7 of 8 plants reporting.	

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	665	140.00-210.00	150-160	153.60
TENDERLOINS	181	200.00-240.00	200-205	206.22
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	72.00-77.00	74-76	75.90
FRONT HALVES	110	60.00-68.00	-	64.73
LEGS	88	28.00-40.00	29-30	29.09
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	549	19.00-21.00	20	19.98
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,338	22.00-24.00	23-24	23.07
WINGS (WHOLE)	132	52.50-58.00	-	55.78
WINGS (CUT)	522	64.00-86.00	66-68	70.94
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR AUGUST 22, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
39.50 - 44.50	42.36

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	615	145.00-210.00	150-155	152.15
TENDERLOINS	296	200.00-240.00	200-205	205.92
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	74.00-78.00	75-77	75.43
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	28.00-40.00	28-29	29.09
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	513	19.00-21.00	20-21	20.20
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,218	21.00-24.00	22-23	22.43
WINGS (WHOLE)	122	55.00-59.00	55-57	56.87
WINGS (CUT)	447	65.00-86.00	67-69	70.51
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR AUGUST 23, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
40.50 - 44.50	42.70	41.76

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Midweek trucklot buying activity was light to fair at best, with most dealers working from a hand-to-mouth basis. Offerings of bone-in breasts were tight, and boneless-skinless breasts were well balanced with current call. Dark meat items were at least adequate, and legs were in ample supply. Wings were readily available and the balance of items were adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair. The market tone was fully steady on breast items, about steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	151.48	635,720
TENDERLOINS	180	206.52	223,080
BREAST - WITH RIBS	70-71	79.19	284,320
BREAST - LINE RUN	70	75.66	138,890
LEGS	33-34	34.41	280,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	23.07	606,955
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	34.51	157,160
THIGHS	24-25	29.15	245,210
B/S THIGHS	72-73	81.24	74,980
WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	63.34	436,620
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	109,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.40	76,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.92	113,710

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	154.11	449,840
TENDERLOINS	180-185	210.28	130,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	72-73	79.42	316,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	76.84	163,300
LEGS	33-34	36.27	258,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	22.62	586,271
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	35.41	142,880
THIGHS	24-25	33.35	136,560
B/S THIGHS	72-73	81.28	67,960
WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	64.16	383,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.97	99,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.53	72,920
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.99	118,160

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL WTS
	08/2308/2208/2108/1808/21	08/1808/1608/14		
ALA	3,905	3,970	3,871	4,007
ARK	5,324	5,342	4,964	5,001
DELMARVA	2,415	2,360	2,402	2,586
KY-LA-TN	2,024	2,056	1,962	2,082
MISS	2,769	2,805	2,753	2,757
NC	2,682	2,642	2,610	2,841
TEXAS	2,306	2,277	2,260	2,271
TOTAL	21,425	21,452	20,822	21,545
MON-WED64,158 (A)				63,362 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Aug 00 is estimated to be 32,054,000 up 2.83 percent from a week ago and up 5.8 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,309,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	80-83
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	68
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	102-104
	ICE PACK	106-111
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	94
	DRY PACK	98
DUCKS		148-160

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING AUG 26-00

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	08/26/00 (1)	08/19/00
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	160,470 (2)	163,101
LT HENS	1,860	1,706
HVY HENS	1,542	1,591
CHECK TOTAL	163,872	166,398

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-Aug-00 is 154.3 million head compared to 159.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.8 million head or 6.5 million more than estimated available. For week of 02-Sep-00 the estimated available is 151.1 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 21-Aug-00	171,859	80,393
AM 1-Aug-00	163,317	91,580
CHG	8,542	-11,187
PCT CHG	5	-12

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	08/21/00	08/14/00	08/24/99	08/21/00	08/14/00	08/24/99
PACIFIC						
COAST	24,543	22,932	37,767	12,655	14,048	17,148
LOS						
ANGELES	293	215	1,075	4,480	4,625	6,989

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 08/22/00

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.15	.95	.46	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.05	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.40	.70	.58	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	.10	-	BANTAMS ea.	.25	50	-
BROILERS lb.	.25	.55	.36	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.25	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	7.25	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.60	.70	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.15	1.50	.60	ROOSTERS ea.	1.00	5.25	-
GEESE lb.	.05	.15	.08	GEESE ea.	1.00	1.50	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	3.50	-
DUCKS lb.	.20	.95	.52	DUCKS ea.	.60	1.75	-
RABBITS lb.	.20	.75	.47	RABBITS ea.	-	1.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.60	1.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	1.35	7.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	.75	.90	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	6.50	-
SILKIES ea.	1.00	2.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	1.25	-				

TOTAL COOPS 156

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF August 21, 2000

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	52-56
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-62

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

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